

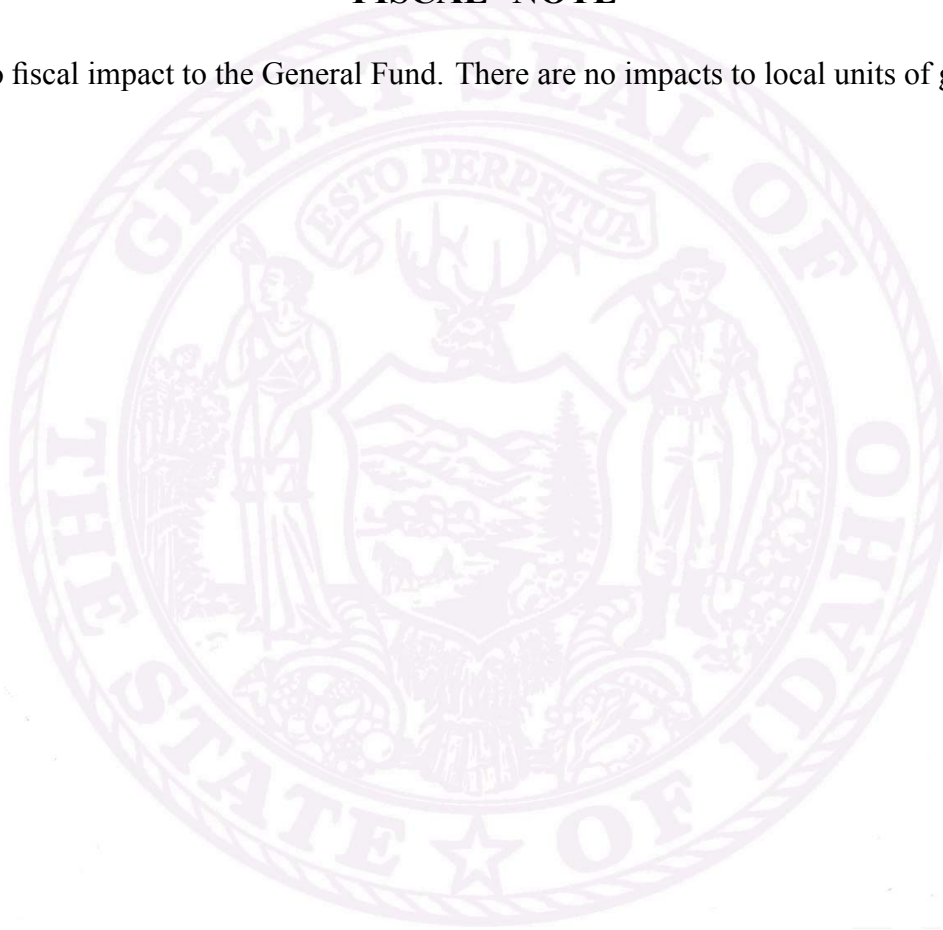
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21175

This legislation provides a very conservative inflation based adjustment to Section 12-120 (1) Idaho Code. This section of Idaho code grants attorney's fees to the prevailing party of a civil action and has not been adjusted since the current \$25,000 was adopted in 1986. This conservative adjustment to the amount pleaded may enhance access to the courts while at the same time provides an appropriate check-and-balance against unnecessary or unwise lawsuits due to, not only the 95% standard, but also due to the prevailing party requirement.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. There are no impacts to local units of government.



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